Educational Schemes for Girls

1253. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is going to spend Rs. 14.3 crores every year to implement various educational schemes for girls;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes that his Ministry is going to implement for girls;

(c) whether it is also a fact CBSE is also going to contribute in implementation of the above schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) This Ministry has various educational schemes for girls and some of the schemes are:

(i) National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) for providing additional support for education of underprivileged/ disadvantaged girls at elementary level. The programme of NPEGEL is covered under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan scheme and the total budget approved for 2005-06 for the programme is Rs. 676.58 crores.

(ii) Scheme of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) for setting up residential schools with boarding facilities at elementary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, OBC and Minorities in difficult areas. The Budget Estimate for the scheme is Rs. 225.00 crores under General component.

(iii) The scheme of Access and Equity for assisting Non-Governmental Organisations to run Girl's Hostels. Budget Estimate for the scheme for year 2005-06 is Rs. 9.00 crores.

(iv) As announced by CBSE, all schools affiliated to the CBSE will be required to waive off fees for girl students of class VI onwards who are also the only child of their parents CBSE affiliated schools have also been advised to consider giving a 50% fee waiver for every girl student who is one of two daughters who are also the only two children in a family.

(v) CBSE has started two merit scholarship schemes-one for those pursuing professional courses (150 for medical and 350 for engineering course) and another for pursuing non-medical/non-engineering undergraduate course (550) from the year 2005 onwards. These schemes also have special provisions for Single Girl child.

The CBSE is funding these schemes out of its own resources. The total financial implication in respect of Professional Merit Scholarships is Rs. 60.00 Lacs per annum and in respect of Undergraduate Merit Scholarships is Rs. 33.00 Lacs per annum. Annual Expenditure after four years will be Rs. 3.39 crores.

(vi) UGC has started a scheme of Indira Gandhi Post Graduate Scholarship for Single Girl Child. 1047 scholarships @ Rs. 2000/- p.m. for 2 years have been awarded under the scheme.

(vii) UGC is also operating different schemes for Women in Higher Education which include, Special Scheme for Construction of Women Hostels, Women Study Centres, part-time Research Associateships for women etc.

IIMs

1254.SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of India Institutes of Management, location-wise;

(b) whether the existing number of IIMs are sufficient to meet the needs of the country;

(c) if so, the justifications therefor;

(d) whether more IIMs are proposed to be started in other places particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the current fee structure in IIMs is very inhabitant to the middle class people; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), six in number, are located at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Lucknow, Indore and Kozhikode. The seventh one has been identified to be set up at Shillong. To meet the needs of the country it is felt that to begin with, the IIMs have to consolidate, so that students from all over the country, could take advantage of the quality education provided by them.